Title: Need to provide adequate financial assistance for upgradation and renovation of Motibagh Railway Workshop at Nagpur, Maharashtra.

SHRI VILAS MUTTEMWAR (NAGPUR): Mr. Deputy-Speaker, Sir, the Motibagh Workshop at Nagpur was established as far back as 1879 and was assigned POH of narrow gauge diesel locomotives, coaches and goods stock including manufacturing coaches for narrow gauge track. However, with the adoption of uni-gauge policy, this workshop required some changes so as to make it fit for BG coach POH work, etc. This could also obviate the chances of reducing the staff drastically. Pending decision by the Government, no work is being done at the workshop and a large number of staff members are under threat of either retrenchment or transfer.

16.09 hrs.

(Shri Devendra Prasad Yadav *in the Chair*)

The reduction in staff working in this workshop for many years has created a lot of resentment amongst them. The staff has gained tremendous experience in the POH of narrow gauge diesel locomotive coaches, etc. Their expertise can extensively be utilised for augmentation of the infrastructure facilities for BG coach POH work in the Motibagh Workshop, Nagpur. The detailed proposal has already been submitted for upgradation of infrastructure from narrow gauge to broad gauge.

I would urge upon the hon. Minister of Railways to kindly consider the proposal and to make available the necessary funds for upgradation, renovation and retention of Motibagh Workshop at Nagpur for the aforesaid purpose.